

REMARKS

The present invention is a method of speech recognition in order to identify a speech command as a match to a written text command, a system for speech recognition and a communication terminal including a speech recognition unit. A method of speech recognition in order to identify a speech command as a match to a written text command in accordance with an embodiment of the invention comprises the steps of providing a text input from a text database; receiving an acoustic input; generating sequences of multi-lingual phoneme symbols based on the text input by means of a multi-lingual text-to-phoneme module; generating variations of pronunciations which are recognizable in response to sequences of multi-lingual phoneme symbols determined by use of a branched grammar; and comparing the variations of pronunciations with the acoustic input to find a match. See page 15, lines 19-31 through page 16, lines 1-24, for a discussion of branched grammar providing variations of pronunciations which are recognizable.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over United States Patent 5,212,730 (Wheatley et al). These grounds of rejection are traversed for the following reasons.

Each of the independent claims have been substantively amended to recite generating variations of pronunciations which are recognizable in response to sequences of multi-lingual phoneme symbols determined by use of a branched grammar. It is submitted that this subject matter has no counterpart in the teachings of Wheatley et al upon which the Examiner has relied. In this regard, the Examiner is referred to page 3 of the Office Action wherein the Examiner states as follows;

Still further, in response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention (page 11, lines 1-5), it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., that the allowable pronunciations are determined by the principle of branched grammar) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

The foregoing subject matter involving variations of pronunciations which are recognizable being determined by a branched grammar is now recited in the claims. Therefore, it is submitted that the rejection is moot as recognized by the Examiner's statement in the Response to Arguments.

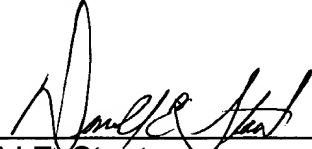
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (docket no. 1030.40616X00).

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